

SKILL 10: Area of Parallelograms and Trapezoids

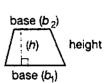
The height of a parallelogram or trapezoid is the length of a perpendicular segment that connects two parallel bases.

height base (b)

The formula to find the area of a parallelogram is

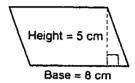
A = bh where A is area, b is the base, and h is height.

The formula to find the area of a trapezoid is $A = \frac{1}{2}h(b_1 + b_2)$ where A is area, b_1 is one base, and b_2 is the other base.



Example 1

Find the area of the parallelogram.



$$A = bh$$

Use the formula for area of a parallelogram.

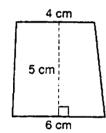
Substitute 8 for b and 5 for h.

Multiply.

The area is 40 cm².

Example 2

Find the area of the trapezoid.



$$A=\frac{1}{2}h(b_1+b_2)$$

Use the formula for area of a trapezoid.

$$=\frac{1}{2}\cdot 5(6+4)$$

Substitute 5 for h, 6 for b_1 , and 4 for b_2 .

$$=\frac{1}{2}\cdot 5(10)$$

Add.

Multiply.

The area is 25 cm².

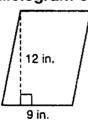
Guided Practice

Find the area of each parallelogram or trapezoid.

1. Base ____

Height _____

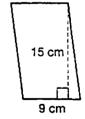
Area ___



2. Base _____

Height _____

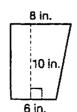
Area _____



3. Height _____

Base *b*₁ _____

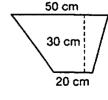
Base *b*₂ ______



4. Height _____

Base b₁



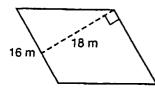


b₁ + b₂ _____ Area ____

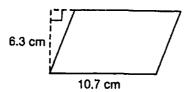
SKILL 10: Practice

Find the area of each parallelogram.

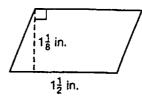
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2.

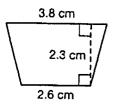


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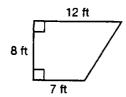


Find the area of each trapezoid.

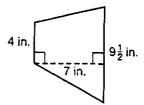
4.



5.



6.

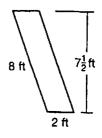


Solve.

7. A section of a sidewalk is shown at the right. It is shaped like a parallelogram.

The measurements are shown.

Find the area.



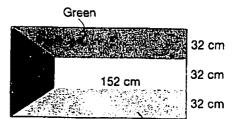
8. The flag of Kuwait is shown at the right. Find each area.

a. Black region _____

b. Green region (top stripe)

c. White region _____

d. Red region (bottom stripe) _____



192 cm

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9. What is the area of the parallelogram?



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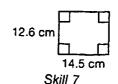
C 54.2 yd²

B 30.8 yd²

A 28.2 yd²

D 56.4 yd²

10. What is the perimeter of the figure?



F 27.1 cm

H 91.35 cm

G 54.2 cm

J 182.7 cm